

St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable

	1st Sun of Month	2nd Sun of Month	3rd Sun of Month	4th Sun of Month	5th Sun of Month
St Francis Xavier	6pm Sat Vigil 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha)	6pm Sat Vigil (Youth Mass) 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun	6pm Sat Vigil 8am Sun 10am Sun (Family Mass)	6pm Sat Vigil 8am & 10am Sun
Ruakaka	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy
Hikurangi	8:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am *Liturgy
Whangarei Heads	6pm Sat Vigil	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	10am. Combined Community Service
Maungata-pere	///	11am *Liturgy	///	8.30am Eucharist	///
Maungakamea	10.30am Eucharist	///	10.30am *Liturgy	///	///
Matapouri, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - March; May; July; Sept; Nov			* Liturgy means Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion /// means no LOW or Eucharist.	
Poroti, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - Feb; April; June; Aug; Oct; Dec				
Pipiwai, Miha	12 noon 5th Sunday of the month				
Eucharist Weekdays and Other Ceremonies					
Monday 7am Eucharist	Tuesday 9am Eucharist; 12.10pm LOWHC	Wednesday 7am LOWHC; 12.10pm Eucharist	Thursday 7am Eucharist; 12.10pm LOWHC	Friday 7am LOWHC; 12.10pm Eucharist	Saturday 8am Eucharist
Exposition: Fri 6.15am; & 11am - Midday. Sat 7.15am - 7.45am.				Reconciliation Rite I : 11.30am Fri & Saturday. Rite II: 7.30pm 4th Wednesday	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5:30pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community.					

Scared Heart College, Auckland. They are having an Open Day on Tuesday 5 March. They also have a scholarship opportunity for Catholic boys of Maori or Pacifica descent. Year 7 and 9 2020. See notice board for more information.

Marcellin College 60th Jubilee. 23 - 25 March. See notice board for details.

Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Evar Davis, Margaret Rabone, Dot Palmer, Ida Moroney, Mary McFarlane, Michael Kooge Jnr.

Recently deceased: Betty McFarlane (sister of Dot Palmer), Victoria Harris, Ante (Tonko) Rosandich (husband of Anne), Agnes Smith, Irihapeti Morgan, Una Tohu, Rose Smit (Orewa).

Anniversaries: Christine Yeates.



St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
24 February 2019 Year C

Next Week's Readings: (Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time)
Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6: 39-45

We often speak of what is best for everyone. It is usually called "the common good". The down side of such an idea is that those who "don't fit" can end up feeling marginalized. Those for whom it is a "good fit" can be led to thinking that they are right and the others are wrong – a sort of might is right mentality. The reaction against this usually takes the form of petitions, claims for rights, protest marches and so on, even to the point where individual rights and situations are often triumphed over the status quo and an individual's situation becomes greater than the good of the group.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus challenged the status quo of His time. He speaks of loving enemies, of sharing possessions with others and not expecting a return of the favour, of turning the other cheek to insults.

Is there any room for radical ideas today? – Love is not a radical idea. We are encouraged to love the planet, the solar system, the animals, our forests and perhaps even each other. But listening with love may be a radical idea, especially to those who I see as being different from me – different in age, race, religion, ethnicity, orientation. I'm not talking about listening so that I can help "fix" them. Rather, to move away from the "them and us" way of thinking and to live an alternative as Jesus challenged His disciples to do.

As we keep growing in understanding of each other, it is important that channels of communication are kept open as well. Listening in love may bring about new insights into what we have traditionally thought of and understood as the common good.

It might be about working through a process from an individual situation to a clearer understanding by all of what is for the best.

When the listening stops, that's when the walls start getting built.

Fr Trevor Tindall SM

Rite II Reconciliation.
7.30pm Wednesday 27
February here in our
Church. All welcome.

“Old Palms” These can be left in the basket in the Church foyer up to 3 March. The palms will then be burnt in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Outlying Areas can place their palms in a plastic bag in the suitcase.

Fit For Mission. The Stairway of Mercy

Jesus tells us to...

1. **Love** your enemies
2. **Bless** those who curse you
3. **Do good** to those who are cruel to you
4. **Pray** to those who mistreat you

God calls us to love everyone.
Why does God tell us to do this?



Returning Home Easter Programme.

Come along on Monday 25 March at 7pm here in our Church gathering area. This programme for those people who have drifted away and are looking for a way to return to their Church. This programme is a very laid back; relaxed way for people to have a look at their Church as it is today. If you know anyone who could be interested, please mention it to them. For more information ring the Parish Office 437 7902.

 **World Day of Prayer. Friday 1 March.** “Come, everything is ready”
◆ **Whangarei Baptist Church** 202 Bank Street. 10am. All welcome.

◆ **Bream Bay:** St Peter’s Anglican Church, Waipu. 10 am

◆ **Onerahi:** St Stephens Anglican Church, Cnr Whimp Ave / Church St, Onerahi, 10am, followed by morning tea.

LITURGY CALENDAR: Please mark your diary.

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. (Day of Fast and Abstinence).

7am (LOWHC with distribution of Ashes).

Masses: 9am (St Francis Xavier School), 12:10pm,

Anglican/Catholic Service: 7pm here in our Church.

Stations of the Cross. In preparation for Easter, we invite you to participate in the Passion of Christ during this Lenten period.

◆ **Fridays during Lent at 7:30pm:** We need groups / individuals to lead on the following dates: March 15, 29, April 12. Simple booklets available to assist in leading the Stations. Please register your willingness to lead by contacting the Parish Office. Thank you.

◆ **Sundays at 5:30pm:** Te Reo Maori. 10 March - 14 April.

Lenten Resource Kit for Caritas Lenten Programme. “Living our lives with love”. The Kit is available from the Parish Office for any groups or individuals to use. Information and resources to download are on the Caritas website - www.caritas.org.nz

◆ **Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme.** You are invited to join us for Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm at 13 Tuatara Drive, Kamo from 5 March until 16 April. It is a time of Prayer, sharing and reflecting on the Sunday’s Gospel reading. For further information phone Liz and Mike Beazley 435 2216 or 027 471 4120

Parish Music Director. Paul Sorensen will be retiring from this position after Easter this year. An essential part of Paul’s duties as Music Director has been the directing of the Parish Choir and it is for this particular function we urgently need to appoint Paul’s replacement as soon as possible. Persons interested in assuming this role are invited to contact Janet, Parish Secretary on 437 7902. Paul will be available to assist the new appointee as may be required.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.” I Thessalonians 5: 16,18. Rejoice always, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Gold Card Lunch is on Thursday 21 March in the Parish Hall following 12.10pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. All you need to bring is: something for a shared lunch; a smile; a friend if you wish. We look forward to seeing you there!



Divine Mercy Group meet every Friday at 2.30pm here in our Chapel. All welcome to join them.

Parish Playgroup meet every Tuesday during term time, 9am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall and each Tuesday during the School Term. Special invite to all Mums, Dads and Caregivers - bring along your preschoolers and join in the fun. Gold coin donation. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

Introduction to Christian Meditation.

St Thomas’ Church Hall, 29 Church St, Kawakawa. Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 March, 2nd April at 7 pm to 8.30 pm. See noticeboard. For more information contact Michael Dougherty.

Email: md1@outlook.co.nz, or phone 436 5663.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Basket.

Thank you for your continued support. Due to the high demand of food during Christmas break, we are desperate to restock our foodbank. Our biggest needs are tinned Spaghetti, sweet corn, tea and breakfast cereals especially weetbix and porridge. This is not a limited list but these are items that we give out regularly,

Meeting. First and third Thursday at 5 pm in Eymard House.

A new parishioner who has just arrived in Whangarei and lives in the Tikipunga area would appreciate a ride to Mass. The 8:00am Mass is preferred but is happy to attend whichever Mass a ride is offered. Please contact Cecelia on 022 602 5068



Newcomers - please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parishioner Pack* from the Church foyer, fill out and return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Youth News Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday 7pm-9pm in the Parish Hall.

Flame Group (ages 8-12 years) meet fortnightly on a Wednesday in the Parish Hall 5.30pm-7pm.

Young Adults to be contacted for events, register your contact details at the Parish Office.



Every Wednesday at 6pm, the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. All welcome to join them.

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI. Himene practice, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church.

Parish Choir practice 25 February at 5pm.

Kamo Prayer Group welcomes all to our gatherings on Tuesdays during term time. 10am to 12 noon, at Nicky’s home, 40 Percy Street, Whangarei. For further enquiries contact Anne Marie on 435 4355.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Sherwin Lapaan: 13-day affordable pilgrimage departing 9 September 2019. Small exclusive group; limited seats. For full details, please contact Laura on laura@skytrain.co.nz or phone +64-9-921 5106.



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,073.80 from all collections. Thank you.



Please remember the Parish in your Will